

Maynard Finance Committee
Zoom Meeting ID: 839 5733 7681
Final 5/3/21

Present: Tom Black, Peter Campbell, Ken Estabrook (Chair), Alannah Gustavson, Kelly Kane, Jillian Prendergast (Vice Chair)

Absent: Elliot Bruce

Others: Natasha Rivera, Concerned citizens

All relevant documents available on board docs.

Ken called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. He went over the legal remote public meeting to order.

Ken brought up the agenda on the screen.

Discussion on the Solar Array

Ken had a proposal prepared, but opened up discussion first.

Jill asked for some recap on the meeting last week as she couldn't attend. Peter began with his question about when the field came into the picture for the project. The proposal isn't really divisible, as in, it isn't worth it to the company to proceed without the field.

Ken pointed out that on 4/27 when we first discussed the article, the RFP had not yet gone out. The field was included in the RFP. Ken also wanted to point out how busy everyone was last March with Covid, new Superintendent, etc. Alannah talked about Justin's explanation of the field usage and safety. Also that the meeting brought up the fact the new Fire Station plan did not make the new roof solar ready. Tom was concerned about the business deal with the solar company, particularly the contract being a fixed amount for 20 years. Ken said it was up to the Committee if we want dig deeper into the contract. Peter pointed out we have many larger contracts in town that may be more worth that effort, but it is a huge time and commitment issue.

Peter asked if a member of the School Committee could answer when they became aware of the field being a part of the contract. Natasha Rivera answered that it was a brief update on the project she believes in late November. They then got a full presentation from Justin in December. She believed the language was kept vague due to uncertainty where the canopies would go in the parking lots. Maro Hogan and Tim McDuff were involved after the RFP went out, as part of the selection of the vendor. Ken shared the draft of his proposal on screen and went over its content.

Jill asked for clarification on if the RFP went out before Town Meeting. Ken clarified it was issued on 5/13.

The Committee had some minor edits to the document.

Natasha wanted to get a sense of the Fincom's reaction to the legal aspect of the School Committee not having voted to hand over the land use. Ken said we were aware and have the latest information emailed recently. Alannah said she could see both cases being useful, sometimes wanting the smaller voting bodies to accept and then bring to Town Meeting, and sometimes having Town Meeting help inform the smaller voting bodies on how to vote. Ken also said sometimes the results of an RFP may be helpful to inform a decision at Town Meeting.

Peter motioned that the FinCom adopt the written statement. Alannah seconded. Vote 6-0 to accept.

Tom motioned to adjourn. Peter seconded. Vote 6-0 to adjourn.

FinCom Reserve FY21

Approved at Town Meeting, Article 13:	\$250,000.00
Approved by FinCom	
Police Sal - Sick Leave Buyback	\$73,134.00
Fire Sal - Sick Leave Buyback	\$33,562.56
Library Director Retirement	\$23,959.00
Asbestos Abatement Town Hall	\$18,292.71
Total remaining in Reserve Fund	\$101,051.73